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SKYWARN ANNOUNCES LOCAL OPERATIONAL CHANGES

By Jay Farlow, W9LW, SKYWARN NCS

The team of operators who serve as SKYWARN net control stations (NCS) for the 11-county area including Allen County have decided to make some operational changes.

Background

IMO SKYWARN operates severe weather spotter nets on the ACARTS 146.88 MHz repeater in Fort Wayne. The FWRC 146.76 MHz repeater serves as an alternate, should the 146.88 MHz repeater be unavailable. These nets serve an 11-county area known in IMO SKYWARN as "Quadrant Two." Quadrant Two comprises the southeast portion of the county warning area served by the Northern Indiana National Weather Service forecast office near North Webster. Quadrant Two includes the following Indiana counties: Adams, Allen, Blackford, Huntington, Jay, Wells and Whitley. It also includes the following Ohio counties: Allen, Paulding, Putnam and Van Wert.

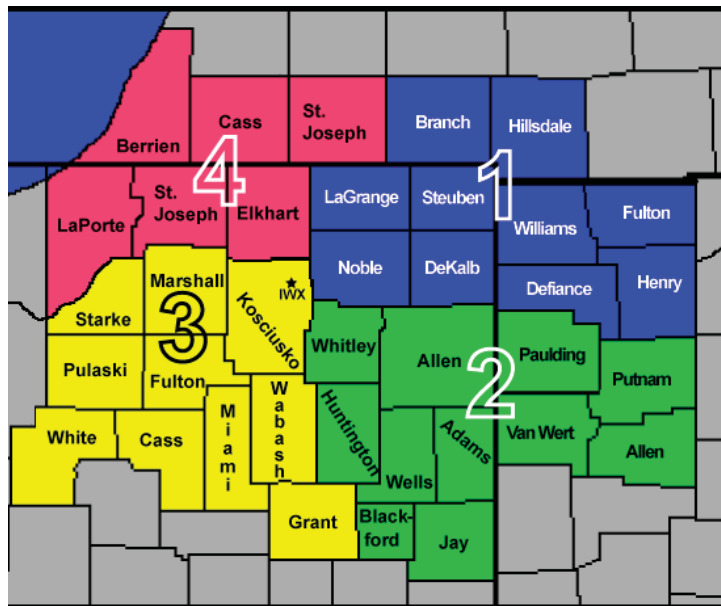
Quadrant Two SKYWARN nets are lead by a group of volunteer net control stations designated by IMO SKYWARN. These operators recently met and decided on some changes in the way the nets are run.

Call Sign Change

Effective July 1, SKYWARN NCS no longer use the ACARTS club call sign, W9INX. Each NCS instead uses his own call sign.

How will spotters know who to call? The preferred practice when calling the NCS during a directed net is to simply send your own call sign once. NCS (whoever it is at that moment) will acknowledge you. Alternatively, you may use, "Net control, this is W9ABC." Addressing NCS is not necessary, however, because when you transmit your call sign during a directed net, NCS assumes you're calling him.

What if a directed net is not in session? If IMO SKYWARN Quadrant Two is in "standby mode," (see below), simply call "SKYWARN" and the NCS who is monitoring will answer. For example:



You: "SKYWARN, this is W9XYZ."

NCS: "W9XYZ, this is W9GGA, IMO SKYWARN, go ahead."

For your reference, the following stations are designated IMO SKYWARN NCS in Quadrant Two:

- Rich Andrew, N9HRA
- Chad Beach, W9GGA

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Fort Wayne DX Association:	http://www.qsl.net/fwdxa/
ARES:	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Allen_Co_IN_ARES/
IN_PACKET Yahoo Group:	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/IN_PACKET/

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The deadline for the each issue is the first day of the month.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to July! Wow, it seems like June just got started and now it is all over. June is arguably one of the busiest months for the Ham Radio world, with two major contests, the ARRL VHF QSO Party and of course the big daddy of them all, ARRL Field Day. The Fort Wayne Radio Club participated in both, and had a great time doing it.

The VHF QSO Party was held on the 11th and 12th of June, and once again the club set up station on top of the South parking garage at IPFW. This gave our 40 foot towers a 40 foot boost from below. Concentrating on six and two meters weak signal modes, the club racked up an impressive score over 10,000 points. This bodes well for the club, as I received on the first day of FD, the ARRL sent us some wallpaper from last year's contest. Seems we won the limited multi-operator division for the Indiana section with around 7,300 points. This was a great effort by the club members, and special thanks go out to Joseph, K9RFZ, who once again secured the use of the parking garage.

For Field Day weekend, we started out on Friday night for our traditional QRP night, with several members setting up tents and antennas and getting a valuable head start for the big event, we were off to a good start. On Saturday, setup began in earnest around 9 am, and by the start time of 2 pm, everything was in place and working properly. The only incident to mar the occasion was a minor injury when erecting the VHF tower. The weather was just about perfect, and the bands were in great shape, too. At 5 we began the Hog Roast, catered by Jamison's Meats, and everyone had a tasty meal. And surprise, the club came out about \$22 in the black! Special thanks to my YF and the other ladies that helped out.

Biggest Kudos go to Larry Temenoff, KB9OS, for his work on securing the use of Dolnick Learning Center and its surrounding grounds for the club use during

Field Day. So far, I have heard nothing but positive comments about the site. Having indoor plumbing and air conditioning is a great fall back if the outside weather turns nasty, which of course, it did no such thing this FD.

Looking forward, the club will be digging into the ICOM offer of payback on a D-STAR repeater system. This will be our primary focus moving forward. The D-STAR system will be a joint venture with the ACARTS club, who has agreed to help out with the financial details. Stay tuned, as this plays out, and look for updates on our web site.

Lastly, thanks to all who inquired about my health problems this month. On June 3rd, I awoke at 4 am with pain in my stomach, which turned out to be a collapsed left lung. After 12 days as a guest of the Parkview system, I went home and continue to heal up.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the 15th, for our July meeting and Field Day wrap up!

Best Regards, Steve, W9SAN



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July 15: Next general meeting.

Unless otherwise scheduled, all meetings are held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN.

MEETING MINUTES

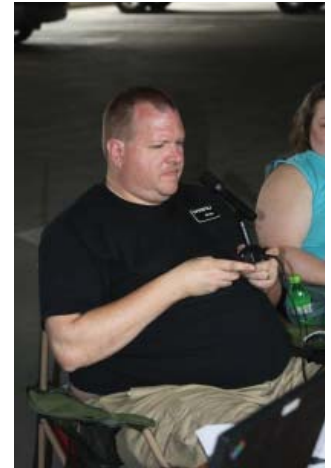
The club meeting started at 7 PM with the Pledge. Every one introduced themselves. There was 27 people present. Charles (KC9MUT) did QSO Party report. In walks Bob Streeter, and his wife, along with KB9OS. 30 total people now. Steve asked Kim and Jim to do the Fox Hunt Report. KC9MUT ended up doing that report also. It was announced that the next Fox Hunt would be July 11th. Three more people walked in, now now 33 people total. Bob Streeter did the Treasury Report. Steve did the Old Business, and thereafter, the New Business in which includes brief details about D-STAR. Brian announced that he was elected the new Technical Coordinator for N.E. Indiana, by the ARRL. He said that all you have to do for the job is to help some one do something (Ham Radio related), and send in a report as to what was done. Terry (FMX) brought in a whole milk crate of QST magazines for any one interested. There was no coffee or doughnuts. We all took a 10 minute break at 7:18 P.M.

After the break, the meeting started back up. Steve said that he has eight stations listed. Charles brought a flat screen monitor, and hooked it up to his notebook, to show every one an areal photograph of the Field Day site. Larry also brought in maps to pass out to everyone. Steve pointed out all the locations of the stations on the monitor. There will be 6 computers for logging, and 146.91 will be talk-in. Larry talked about the Presentation he will be giving at 2:00 PM. during Field Day. He also talked about what all was available in the area, and gave directions. Steve talked about QRP Night on Friday. He also talked about Antenna, and Radio Tower set up. Additionally, he asked for volunteers to: 1) Meet at the Repeater Shack to pick up generator. 2) And, for a couple of people to meet at his house to help get things out of his attic. Linda reminded everyone to bring small folding tables and chairs.

Steve also made mention that the Hog-Roast would be \$10.00 per person. The meeting concluded at 7:57 PM.

John A. Martin N9UWR

PHOTOS FROM THE VHF QSO PARTY



State of the Arts

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ACARTS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Vic KA9LTV is still recuperating and hopes to be able to go home this month. Meanwhile the ACARTS repeaters in current dilapidated shack are being moved to the much nicer building just on the other side of the WANE-TV tower away from the groundhogs and burrowing bees. This will happen as soon as we build up our motivation and find some strong volunteers, hopefully soon. Dave W9LKH has also reprogrammed them for the new Skywarn changes. As is traditional due



to most people going on vacation etc. there will be no July board or General meetings. The August meeting will be the annual family picnic at my house (3031 Wilderness Rd, FW) Details and a map are on the website www.acarts.com I would appreciate a call or email if you plan to come so I can prepare the right number of charcoal briquette burgers.

Jim Boyer

KB9IH at arrrl.net

JUNE ACARTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dave Lindquist, W9LKH.

After introductions, Dave announced that there would be no ACARTS meetings in July, and that the August General Meeting would be the annual picnic to be held at the QTH of Jim, KB9IH, on Saturday, August 20, 2011, at 1:00 p.m.

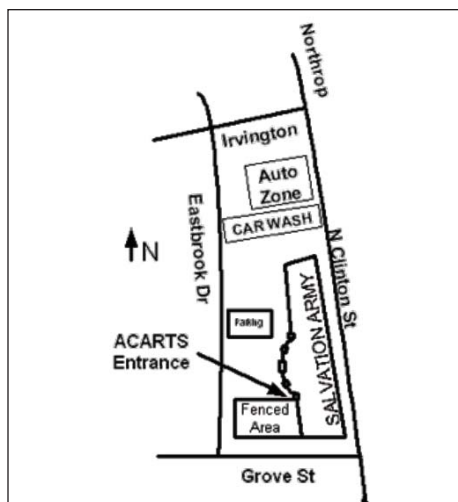
Jim, KB9IH, stated that he had talked to the General Manager and the Chief Engineer of WANE-TV regarding repairs to the repeater shack. They suggested that ACARTS could use space in the newer building under the tower. It is virtually abandoned except for two racks of WANE-

TV equipment that are in use, and some storage of WANE-TV property. He said that he and Dave, W9LKH, had visited the site and found the building to be very acceptable for ACARTS use. It is heated and air conditioned and is on the station's emergency power system. He added that he, Howard, N9ADS, and Dave, W9LKH, had visited the site that morning and started to clean out the old shack, and that the move would be made in a couple of weeks.

Steve, W9SAN, gave a report on the Fort Wayne Radio Club's progress on obtaining a D-Star repeater. He stated that

There is no general meeting in July. However, the annual **Family Picnic** will be held on Saturday, **August 20th**, at the home of Jim & Corrine Boyer, 3031 Wilderness Rd, Fort Wayne (see map). Please arrive between noon and 1PM, with the food ready about 1, with the club supplying the meat and drinks. Please bring a dish for everyone to enjoy.

Unless otherwise scheduled, all meetings are held at the Salvation Army Center, 2901 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN.



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they are still exploring options and that no decision has yet been reached.

Dave, W9LKH, gave away two complementary tickets to the Van Wert Hamfest that the club had received.

After refreshments, Mike Barrell, WB-9DLC, gave a very interesting presentation of QRP operation and equipment. He showed several QRP rigs. Jack, W9GT, and Steve, W9SAN, also brought QRP rigs that they showed and discussed.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

ACARTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dave Lindquist, W9LKH.

Dave stated that the June General Meeting program would be a presentation by Mike Barrell, WB9DLC, on QRP. He added that there would be no ACARTS meetings in July.

Jim, KB9IH, said that Saturday, August 20, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. would be OK to hold the annual ACARTS Picnic at his QTH.

Jim, KB9IH, stated that he had talked to the General Manager and the Chief Engineer of WANE-TV regarding repairs to the repeater shack. They suggested that ACARTS could use space in the newer building under the tower. It is virtually abandoned except for two racks of WANE-

TV equipment that are in use, and some storage of WANE-TV property. He added that he and Dave, W9LKH, had visited the site and found the building to be very acceptable for ACARTS use. It is heated and air conditioned and is on the station's emergency power system.

Dave, W9LKH, said that he had ordered and received a length of LMR-600 cable with connectors attached to extend the antenna feedline into the new building.

Jim, KB9IH, Howard, N9ADS, and Dave, W9LKH, made plans to meet there on Tuesday, June 21st, to start cleaning out the old shack.

No other business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

ARRL IN ACTION: WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO LATELY?

Compiled by S. Khrystyne Keane, K1SFA

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ARRL Field Day was June 25-26. W1AW, the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station operated on 80-2 meters, making almost 3500 contacts on CW, Phone and RTTY.

The ARRL held its National Convention in Plano, Texas in conjunction with Ham-Com. Hams were invited to follow the festivities on Facebook and Twitter.

The ARRL and the National Weather Service updated their Memorandum of Understanding.

Working with the ARRL, SATERN recruited radio amateurs to help support SATERN's mission of providing communications and logistical support in the wake of the May tornadoes in Joplin, Missouri.

The ARRL's VHF/UHF Advisory Committee is seeking input from hams on how to encourage more participation in VHF/UHF contests.

The ARRL and its partners in the IARU have been involved in the preparations for several items on the 2012 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-12) agenda, including an item pertaining to oceanographic radar applications in the

3-50 MHz range.

Jon Jones, N0JK, has been named the conductor of the popular QST column "The World Above 50 MHz." He takes over from Gene Zimmerman, W3ZZ, who announced his retirement in the June issue of QST.

A new online introductory Emergency Communications course is now available from the ARRL.

The 2010 ARRL Annual Report is now available online.

The ARRL Programs and Services Committee met in Newington in advance of July's Board of Directors meeting.

The ARRL hosted an RFI workshop geared to utility company employees.

For the 10th year in a row, the Combined Federal Campaign has approved the ARRL to participate in its annual campaign.

Michael Keane, K1MK, has been named the new ARRL Information Technology Manager. He takes over from longtime ARRL staffer Jon Bloom, KE3Z, who left the ARRL HQ staff to pursue other opportunities.

ARRL International Vice President Jay Bellows, K0QB, joined ARRL Chief Technology Officer Brennan Price, N4QX, and

ARRL Membership and Volunteer Programs Manager Dave Patton, NN1N, at Ham Radio 2011 in Friedrichshafen, Germany. Price also attended meetings of ITU-R Working Party 5A in Geneva.

A new QuickStats poll was made available on the ARRL website.

The winner of the QST Cover Plaque Award for June 2011 is Kazimierz "Kai" Siwiak, KE4PT, for his article "Is There an Optimum Height for an HF Antenna?"

The August issue of QST and the July/August editions of NCJ and QEX were released to the printer. The Proceedings of the Central States VHF Society Conference was also released to the printer.

Official Observer Desk: ARRL Field and Regulatory Correspondent Chuck Skolaut, K0BOG, handled complaints regarding a 147.435 MHz repeater in California. Complaints about transmissions on 14.313, 14.310 and 3.840 MHz were also received. A complaint about music on 15 meters, as well as reports about illegal CB amplifiers being sold online were also received. Skolaut also answered questions regarding Field Day, cross band repeater operation, home station identification, selling items on nets and identification on repeaters with remote inputs.

FWDXA

Fort Wayne DX Association

HamCom 2011

Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

When June rolls around every year, Vicky and I start thinking about Texas barbecue and HamCom – pretty much in that order, too.

Since we lived in the Dallas/Ft Worth area from 1979 to 1988, we always like to visit our Amateur Radio friends in 5-land and enjoy BBQ. The HamCom convention in Plano (just north of Dallas) fits the bill for doing both.

We left on American's regional jet from Ft Wayne to DFW bright and early Friday morning June 10. Well, it was supposed to be bright and early but we were delayed about two and a half hours due to thunderstorms in the area. When we finally left Ft Wayne, we settled back in our seats for the 2-hour flight.

We arrived around 10:15 AM, picked up the rental car, and headed to the convention. When we arrived, the Lone Star DX Association (LSDXA) was already

checking DXCC, WAS, WAC, and VUCC applications, so Vicky and I joined in to help. For the two-day convention we checked about 35 applications. Most were DXCC, of course, but we did have a couple WAS applications. We saw a lot of QSLs for the new PJ DXCC entities.

The ARRL National Convention was held at HamCom this year, so they had a big presence. They had two rows of booths, with activities ranging from kit building to boy scouts. There were a total of 50 or so ARRL employees manning the many booths, with about 20 of them from HQ. We enjoyed chatting with N3KN, K1ZZ, W9GIG, K1MMH, K9JF, NN1N, W3IZ, N1ND, and others.

We drove over to the Ft Worth side Friday evening to have dinner with K9MK/5 (an old Motorola buddy) at the Feedstore BBQ in Southlake. His wife Becky made us a key lime pie, and we enjoyed it in our hotel room later that night (and Saturday night) with N1ND.

The LSDXA put on four forums Saturday morning, and of course these were slanted towards DX topics. K5AC talked about the PJ6A operation, K5NA discussed contesting in Iceland, N0TG gave an overview of the Sable Island DXpedition, and N1DG finished with information about the high cost of DXpeditions. The quarterly LSDXA meeting was held afterwards, and W0VX was elected President of the LSDXA.

On Saturday night Vicky and I joined Dick K5IU (a fellow Raytheon employee in McKinney, TX), Jim K5RX (a big gun on 160m in North Texas), George K5GH (we met him in 1980 when we lived in Texas), Norm N9MM (a Ft Wayne transplant), Jim K9JF/7 (another Ft Wayne transplant – he's the Northwestern Division Director and lives in Vancouver, Washington), and K9JF's wife Shirley W7SAF for a two-and-a-half hour dinner at Dickey's BBQ. See the accompanying photo from this dinner. Starting with Vicky at front left and going clockwise: AE9YL, K9LA, K5GH, N9MM, W7SAF, K9JF, K5IU, K5RX.

The only major piece of ham equipment we bought was a Begali key (paddles) from Pietro begali. We seem to see Pietro I2RTF quite a bit in our travels, and one of his daughters (Laura) was with him at HamCom. Laura speaks English quite well (that's good as her dad Pietro doesn't speak much English and we don't speak much Italian). We've met Pietro's other daughter Bruna at several other hamfests.

In summary, we again enjoyed our annual visit to HamCom. We're looking forward to returning again next year.



Say Again?

"When the Paris Exhibition closes, the electric light will close with it and no more will be heard of it."

Erasmus Wilson
Oxford University professor, 1878

FIELD DAY WRAP-UP AND PHOTOS

Members of FWRC should be once again proud of a very successful Field Day operation. The score has not yet been tabulated, but judging by all the positive comments that I have received, it was a fun Field Day, and that is the most important criteria that I know. We put together a great 6A operation with GOTA, and the propagation gods smiled on us big time, as bands were in great shape from 80 to 6 meters. (Plus one contact on 2.)

Thanks to everyone that made this a

great operating event. Also thanks to all that helped with the Hog Roast!

Our meeting on the 15th of July will be a wrap up of the operation, and will include video and still pictures, including the Journal Gazette material.

Safety was also very good, but was marred by one mishap during the raising of the VHF tower when a guy anchor came loose and struck one of the helpers (not seriously). We will never make that mistake again! (Sadly, another ham was

killed at the Chicago 220 MHz club site: I believe it was electrocution when an antenna contacted a power line.) We will continue to strive for better safety.

Again, a big TNX for everyone who came out and helped. Also a big Thank You to Larry, KB9OS, for helping to secure this fantastic site!!!!

73, Steve Nardin, W9SAN
FWRC 2011 President



Classified Ads

Items for Sale

Want to Buy

If you have something you would like to have listed in the classified section then please send an email to the newsletter editor at AB9ZD (at) arrl.net.

The Allen County HamNews is prepared using Adobe's InDesign software along with PhotoShop and Acrobat on an i7 PC running Windows 7.

Photos of this month's of club events were provided by John Martin N9UWR, Kelley Clond NT9F, and the newsletter editor.

STOLEN RADIO

A 2-meter Yaesu mobile rig was stolen this week from Mike Esslinger, WA9FAC, from his driveway. If you come across this small radio and antenna, please let Mike know. The model is believed to be a FT-1500 or very similar. Also, be alert if you hear any suspicious transmissions on the air.

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MORE FIELD DAY PHOTOS



STORM SPOTTERS AT WORK

Kelley Cloud, NT9F

Right after the Joplin tornado, Wells and Allen county got the left-overs of the same storm system. Please take a look at the attached photographs taken of a rotating wall cloud reported to the U.S. Weather Bureau via Skywarn on 146.88. First, note that the branches of the trees are all bent by a steady wind that is tangent to the storm cell and blowing to the right. Notice the rotation in the overall system. Observe the position changes of the projecting and swirling details. In the first photo, a projecting cloud is in the 4:00 position (from above) and the "curly" detail is in the 2:00 position. I moved the car about $\frac{3}{4}$ miles to the north to get an idea of the distance away to the storm center. In the 90 seconds it took to get to the new position, note that the projecting cloud is now in the 1:00 position and the "curly" detail is in the 11:00 position. The storm appears to be rotating in the counter-clockwise direction from above, and the wind was still tangent and blowing to the right in relation to the storm center.

The photos were taken in Wells County just north of US 224 on County Road N. 300 W. The weather service was advised of the cell via the 146.88 link, and a tornado warning was issued for Bluffton. Bluffton damage was light, but the storm later formed a funnel over nearby Ohio. The third picture was observed on Interstate 69 in roughly the same timeframe.



Foxhunt Chronicles

The following is the planned Foxhunting schedule for 2011:

July	07/10/11	1:30 pm	Sunday
August	08/07/11	1:30 pm	Sunday
September	09/11/11	1:30 pm	Sunday
October	10/02/11	1:30 pm	Sunday
November	11/06/11	1:30 pm	Sunday

CONTEST CALENDAR

Here are a few of the contests that will be held in the next few weeks. Please refer to the contest web sites for full rules, scoring information, operating periods or time limits, and log submission information.

Some of the places on-line with information on contest include:

ARRL Contest Corral Web page: <http://www.arrl.org/contests> The ARRL contest calendar is now available in PDF format.

WA7BNM Contest Calendar: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

ARRL's National Contest Journal calendar: <http://www.ncjweb.com/contestcal.php>

Contesting On-Line: <http://www.contesting.com/>

HF	Contest Title	Ph	CW	Dig	Exchange & Frequencies (MHz)	Logs Due
VHF+	Dates / Times				Sponsor's Web Site	
1.8-28	HF World Championships	X	X		RST and IARU zone	
	Jul 9, 1200Z - Jul 10, 1200Z				www.arrl.org/contests	
3.5-28	North American QSO Party RTTY			X	Name and S/P/C	
	Jul 16, 1800Z - Jul 17, 0600Z				www.ncjweb.com	
	ARRL UHF Contest	X	X	X	4-char grid square	
222+	Aug 6, 1800Z - Aug 7, 1800Z				arrl.org/contests	
1.8-28	North American QSO Party		X		Name and state	
	Aug 6, 1800Z - Aug 7, 0600Z				ncjweb.com	
	ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	X	X	X	6-character grid locator	
10G+	Aug 20, 6 AM - Aug 21, 12 AM				arrl.org/contests	
1.8-28	North American QSO Party				Name and state	
	Aug 20, 1800Z - Aug 21, 0600Z	X			ncjweb.com	
3.5-28	ARRL Rookie Roundup			X	Both calls, name, check, S/P/XE or "DX"	
50	Aug 21, 1800Z - Aug 21, 2359Z				www.arrl.org/contests	
3.5-28	Ohio QSO Party	X	X		Serial and S/P or "DX"	
	Aug 27, 1600Z - Aug 28, 0400Z				www.ohqp.org	

Skywarn Changes

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- Jay Farlow, W9LW
- Fred Gengnagel, KC9EZP
- Bernie Holm, K9JDF
- Brian Jenks, W9BGJ
- Jim Moehring, KB9WWM
- Joel Tye, KB9RH
- Woody Woodbury, KC9CGN

Net Mode/Repeater Status Change

SKYWARN NCS desire to limit interruptions to normal repeater use. We realize that sometimes, even when a warning is in effect in one of the quadrant's counties, no spotter reports come in. We have decided that in such circumstances, a di-

rected net unnecessarily disrupts normal repeater use. The team therefore decided to implement two operational modes:

- **Standby Mode:** This mode will be used when severe weather is imminent or occurring, but neither the volume nor urgency of spotter traffic require suspension of normal repeater use. Stations may call each other as normal. A SKYWARN NCS monitors the frequency, periodically reminding stations of the weather situation and asking them to keep transmissions short and to leave long breaks between transmissions. A tail message on the 146.88 MHz repeater announces "weather watch." The repeater reset tone is a Morse code "W."

- **Directed Net:** This mode will be used when the volume or urgency of spotter traffic require suspension of nor-

mal repeater use. Stations are requested to contact NCS before making any other calls. A tail message on the 146.88 MHz repeater announces "weather net" (replacing the former "weather alert" message). The repeater reset tone is a Morse code "N."

These changes were scheduled to take effect on or about July 1, 2001, pending completion of repeater controller programming. IMO SKYWARN thanks ACARTS (operator of the 146.88 MHz repeater) for their continued support.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the Quadrant Two net control stations listed above.

Membership Application for ☐ ACARTS - and/or - ☐ FWRC

Name: _____ Call sign: _____ License class: _____
 Street address: _____ City: _____
 State: _____ ZIP: _____ - _____ Phone #: (____) _____ - _____ Unlisted? ☐ Yes
 Email address: _____ ARRL Member? ☐ Yes

(ARRL membership helps your club maintain affiliation.)

May we list your name, call & email address in our membership roster and on our club web site? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Both clubs now offer this newsletter as a downloadable (Adobe Acrobat) PDF file, in lieu of a paper copy sent through the mail. For FWRC a mailed paper newsletter is a \$20.00/yr. premium.

How would you like your newsletter delivered? ☐ by snail mail ☐ download from web site.

A.C.A.R.T.S. Dues

Regular membership ☐ \$12.00 / year
 Additional family members¹ ☐ \$6.00 / year
 Student membership² ☐ \$6.00 / year
 Associate membership³ ☐ \$6.00 / year
 (New Regular memberships are \$1/month)

Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues

Regular membership ☐ \$20.00 / year
 Family membership¹ ☐ \$30.00 / year
 Student membership² ☐ \$5.00 / year
 Associate membership³ ☐ \$20.00 / year
 Mailed newsletter premium ☐ \$20.00 / year
 (Memberships for Jul - Dec are 1/2 the stated amounts.)

1. Please list all names and calls on an attached sheet.

2. K-12 or full time student

3. Unlicensed member

Please attach a check (number _____) for the appropriate amount and bring to a club meeting or mail to:

ACARTS	Fort Wayne Radio Club.
PO Box 10342	PO Box 15127
Fort Wayne, IN 46851	Fort Wayne, IN 46885

For dual membership, fill out both sides and send two checks to either club. Payment by check is strongly encouraged!

ACARTS Voice Repeaters

146.880 (-) General use / Skywarn priority

147.255 (+) General use

443.800 (+) General use

(For autopatch 88 has only speed dial emergency #'s.)

ACARTS Digital Repeaters (digirepeaters)

144.390 (s) APRS - wide

145.530 (s) W9INX-1 Digipeater and Node

Fort Wayne Radio Club Repeaters

Voice:

146.76 (-) General use

146.94 (-) General use with autopatch

146.91 (-) EchoLink connection repeater

Node number 519521

444.875 (+) General use

ATV: 439.25 In, 910.250 Out, 144.340 Audio & control

Area Traffic Nets

(please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)

IMO: meets nightly at 6:30 p.m. on 146.88-

Tri State Two Meter Net: meets daily at 7:00 p.m. on 147.015+

21 Repeater Group: Wed. at 7:30 p.m. on 147.150

Help and Swap Net: Mon. at 9:00 p.m. 146.94(-)

Daily Indiana Traffic Net: 3.910 @ 8:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. local.

Daily (QIN) Indiana Section CW net: 3.535 @ 9:30 a.m. &

7:00 p.m. local times.

Miscellaneous Nets

Allen Co. ARES Training Net: Tue. at 9:00 p.m. on 146.94-

Emergency Preparedness Net: Thurs. at 9:00 p.m. on 146.88-

Huntington ARES: Sat. at 8:00 p.m. on 146.685-

Whitley Co. ARES: Wed. at 8:00 p.m. on 145.270

(Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)

Whitley Co. Sunday: Sun. at 8:00 p.m. on 444.550+, 131.8 PL

"No-Name" Net: 8:30 pm Sunday and Wednesday nights. 1.965 MHz or cross band on the 146.91 repeater.

Little Red Barn Net: Weekdays @ 8:30 a.m. on 3820 kHz. Thursdays at 3826 kHz.

Northeast Indiana Packet Net: Sunday at 9:00 p.m. on 145.530 @ 1200 baud. We use unconnected converse mode to communicate for a roundtable net setting. Use your "UNPROTO" command or equivalent to set Digi path(s) through the strongest station(s) needed between you and your destination. Only use those that are necessary! Have all your "Monitor" settings on so you can see everyone.

FWRC YL Net: Wed. 7:00 p.m. on 146.76-

FWRC 6 Meter Net: Tue. 8:00 p.m. on 50.580 USB

6 Meter AM Net: Thurs. 8:00 p.m. on 50.580 AM

FW Area Student Net: Wed. 9:00 p.m. on 146.91-

To:

Activities Calendar



Date	Time	Event	Place
07/10/2011	1:30 PM	Foxhunt	Fort Wayne Off Track Betting Complex
07/15/2011	7:00 PM	FWRC General Meeting	GSUMC
		No ACARTS Meetings in July	
08/07/2011	1:30 PM	Foxhunt	Fort Wayne Off Track Betting Complex
08/09/2011	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
08/19/2011	7:00 PM	FWRC General Meeting	GSUMC
08/20/2011	Noon	ACARTS Picnic	Jim & Corrine Boyer, 3031 Wilderness Rd